

Rangitāne Settlement Negotiations Trust

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*Tini whētū ki te rangi,
ko Rangitāne ki te
whenua.*

*In this edition of the
Trust's newsletter:*

- *Update on settlement negotiations and the recognition of the Trust's Deed of Mandate;*
- *Overview of the overlapping claims process;*
- *Details of the Trust's upcoming AGM;*
- *Update on recent Deeds of Settlement available online.*

*Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
ngā uri o Rangitāne.*

Trust Mandate Approved

It has now been eight months since the Trust held its mandating hui throughout the Rangitāne rohe and the larger North Island. In our last newsletter, the Trust outlined the process being undertaken to prepare the Deed of Mandate for Crown approval. The Deed of Mandate was finalised and submitted to the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) in July 2011.

The Deed of Mandate included sections regarding the following:

- The general purpose of the Deed of Mandate - to enable the Trust to receive the mandate to negotiate the historical Treaty claims of Rangitāne;
- An overview of the Rangitāne Claims included under the mandate;
- A description of the Claimant Group (Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui a Rua) and the overall Rangitāne Area of Interest;
- A description of any potential overlapping interests to be addressed by the Trust during negotiations;
- Information regarding the mandated body (the Trust) and its responsibilities;
- An overview of the mandating process carried out by the Trust in January/February 2011;
- Provisions for any future amendment to the mandate or removal of the mandate.

Much of the above information can be found on the Trust's website at www.rsnt.org.nz.

The Deed of Mandate was advertised by OTS for submissions in July/August 2011. Following review of those submissions and the Trust's responses, the Trust is very pleased to now announce the Crown recognition of the Trust's Deed of Mandate.

On 11 October 2011, the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Associate Minister of Māori Affairs formally recognised the mandate of the Trust to represent the people of Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua in negotiations for the settlement of all historical claims for the iwi.

The Trust is committed to now progressing negotiations as soon as possible and meeting all requirements under the Deed of Mandate. As we noted in our last newsletter, the next step will be to draft the Terms of Negotiation with the Crown.



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Overlapping Claims

As part of Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown, there is an expectation from the Crown that iwi groups will address any issues of overlapping claims and areas of shared interests.

One of the workstreams for the Trust throughout the negotiations process is therefore to engage with other iwi groups within the Rangitāne area of interest. The Trust has begun this process already and will continue to do so now that its mandate has been recognised.

The Trust intends to engage with those groups who also have a Crown-recognised mandate. This will ensure that discussions are held at the right level with those groups that have been mandated to represent their respective iwi/

hapū and claimants. The Trust has put in place clear policies around how to engage with other iwi groups and how it will update the Crown on those discussions.

At this stage, the Trust has had initial meetings with the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa—Tamaki Nui a Rua Trust (NKKW-TNAR). The two Trusts have worked together to sign off a Treaty Settlement Engagement Policy regarding what issues they will work together on during their respective negotiations. This policy has been endorsed and commended by the Crown.

The Trust hopes to also work alongside other iwi groups to discuss any issues of shared interests and/or redress during negotiations.



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Rangitāne o Wairarapa
www.rangitane.iwi.nz

**Rangitāne o Tamaki
Nui-ā-Rua**
www.rangitane.co.nz

Annual General Meeting

The Trust is holding its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 13 November 2011.

This will be the first iwi-wide hui held by the Trust since its mandating hui in January/February 2011. The Trust wishes to update iwi members on its progress since those hui, and to formally acknowledge its most recent milestone in achieving a Crown recognised mandate for Treaty settlement negotiations.

Date: Sunday, 13 November 2011
Time: 1pm-3pm
Venue: Pahiatua Marae, Pahiatua

Agenda

1. Mihi Whakatau/Karakia
2. Acknowledgement of the Deed of Mandate
3. Update from Trustees on settlement negotiations
4. Receipt of the annual report and accounts for 2010-2011
5. The appointment of the auditor for 2011-2012
6. General Business

Should you have any queries regarding the upcoming AGM, please contact the Project Manager, Renika Siciliano .

Recent Treaty Settlements

Since our June newsletter, Deeds of Settlement with the Crown have been entered into by Raukawa ki Waikato, Waitaha, Rongowhakaata and Ngāiti Whātua o Kaipara. Details of those settlements are available on the OTS website - www.ots.govt.nz